

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated November 18, 2009.

Preliminarily, applicant notes the objection to claim 4. Claim 4 has been amended to provide the antecedent basis requested in the Office Action, and additionally to provide antecedent basis to the “outer side” of the guide rod.

Substantively, having noted the indicated allowability of claims 3, 4, 8-10, 15, 20, 21, 25-27 and 32, the applicant proceeded by rendering claim 1 in independent form by incorporating therein claims 2 and allowable claim 3.

Further, allowable claims 4, 8 and 15 have been rendered in independent form. Claim 18 is rendered in independent form and includes the limitations of claim 19 and allowable claim 20.


Allowable claims 21, 25 and 32 have been rendered in independent form.

Otherwise, the claims have been either canceled, or have had their dependencies corrected to one or the other of the aforementioned allowable independent claims.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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